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IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS, ENCODING  
MODE DECIDING METHOD, AND ENCODING  
MODE DECIDING PROGRAM

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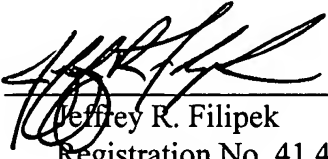
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Respectfully submitted,

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